

Carl Iverson will move into Edwin Spofford's rent on Western Avenue.

Mark Richardson is spending a few days with his family at Milton Plantation.

F. E. Kennison spent a few days, this week, on the road, selling his novelties.

A. E. Witham reports himself as slowly regaining his health. Mr. W. has been unable to work since last July.

Two candidates were initiated at the Good Templars, Monday evening, after which an entertainment consisting of music, literary exercises, speeches, etc.,

Mrs. A. H. Witham has a cat which has many of the propensities of a goat. While it will not eat meat or milk, it persists in devouring dish cloths, sponges, handkerchiefs, and even went to the extreme of eating

Henry Kerr has a four year old Hebron colt, from a Norway Knox mare, that is threatened with speed. The colt is a beauty in body and limb, and moves as evenly and regularly as a machine.

At the regular meeting of Stony Brook Lodge, No. 181, N. E. O. P., Feb. 1, four candidates were initiated. The degree staff had charge of the work. After the meeting was closed refreshments were served. Twenty-five mem-

ers of Lakeside Lodge, Norway, were present and added much to the interest of the occasion with remarks and witticisms.

The Porter street school closed, last week. Hattie M. Leach, the teacher, in-

Philip Bonney,
Ada M. Field,
Marlan Damon,
Lewis Marston,
Elizabeth K. Morton,
Florence Cummings,
Percy L. Damon,
Lester Curtis,
Arthur Marston,
Helen M. Morton

Elder Needham,
 Ella M. Swift,
 Lydia T. Hebbard,
 May A. Chapman,
 Carl Fifield,
 Carleton Berry,
 May Daintree,
 Ethel L. Curtis,
 Flora P. Murch,
 Winslow F. Burbank,
 Frances Cummings,
 Mary Berry.

Mark Leach died at his home on

several months' duration. Mr. Leach was a native of Naples, spent his boyhood days in Bethel and came here in early manhood. He was section foreman on the Grand Trunk, 26 years. During that time he superintended the conste-

on of the Lewiston branch, looked after building the Norway branch and various important jobs of grading. Mr. Leach was a good citizen, respected by all but was best known among members of the Independent Order of Odd Fel-

ws, as he was master of the degree
ams of Mt. Mica Lodge and Mt. Pleas-
nt Rebekah Lodge. He left a wife,
ree daughters and one son. The
neral was held at the residence, Tues-
y afternoon, attended by Rev. Caroline
A. ...

The ladies of the Baptist church gave reception at the church.

day evening, Feb. 9th. The seats were removed and the windows and doors were hung with lace curtains and paperies. The walls were hung with paintings, center tables and parlor lamps, and chairs, etc., were provided in abundance.

and altogether the vestry presented a very beautiful and homelike appearance. The entertainment was of a social nature. Drawings were hung on the walls, each supposed to represent the title of some book or magazine, and

Those present were requested to guess the book or magazine. At the close a prize was given the couple who had the greatest number of correct answers, also a cozy prize to the couple who had the least number of correct answers. The prize was won by Mr. DeWitt and

CLM HILL.—Frank DeCoster is stopping at home for the present.

John Beckett arrived at A. J. Foster's, Saturday night.

Will Jackson has traded a pair of calves for a horse.

Freeland Swan had a shock, last Monday evening that rendered him helpless.

J. P. Ellis has had the misfortune to lose a nice team horse. It was one of a pair purchased from A. F. Andrews, of Spring.

HITMORE DISTRICT.—School closes

Elvin Morey has bought a horse of

BETHEL.
Detective Wormell was in Portland,
Sunday.

D. Stinchfield of Auburn was in
a, Wednesday, tuning instruments.
The new mill, near Middle Intervale,
cutting out the lumber, day and night.
A snow patch has settled about one
of the fences are mostly covered

ward Carter has gone to Portland, where he has a situation in an insurance company.

Yet, there are but seven candidates entered in the field for Bethel post-

st Thursday and Saturday mornings
cold ones, 30 degrees and more be-
zero.

nes Kimball was in town, last Sat-
y, from Berlin, N. H., where she is

o initiations in the U. O. P. F., last
ay evening. The Colony is slowly
eadily increasing.

Mrs. O. M. Mason.
is reported that the Skillings stand,
tly occupied by Dr. C. D. Hill, is
o a New York lady, Mrs. Bell.
ward Gehring of the Massachusetts .
rte of Teak, whom in the town of

Mr. Ford cut an ankle joint badly, working in the woods in Albany. Took the train for Bangor, last Saturday.

Daniel S. Hastings and daughter came to town, Monday night. They

remains of Spencer T. Bartlett brought from Massachusetts to Bethel, last Monday, for interment. Mr. Bartlett was a former resident of Bethel.

A Never-die.

"Life-time" of Dr. Bull's Cough will never draw to a close. A mother once uses it, she continues to use it; because, she is cured of cough, cold, croup and whooping cough. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the only other similar medicine. I have used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for ten or fifteen years in the treatment of coughs and throat troubles by colds, and have found no other article. Mrs. D. T. Clarke, Congress St., Cleveland, O. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup can be had everywhere for 25 cents. Dealers will say something else "just as better," because they want to make a profit. Don't be "taken in." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the best.



My Mother gives me BROWN'S INSTANT RELIEF, Coughs, Colds, Croup, Cholera, Dysentery, Colic, Sore Throat, Diphtheria, etc. THINK IT IS REAL TO TAKE.

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Shook, stool stock, box boards, barrels. A good chance for business. Enquire on address. S. S. STEARNS, Norway, Me.

J. WALDO NASH, Taxidermist, NORWAY, MAINE.

ed a few goods Owls. 10c

CABINETS FOR \$1.25.

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L. RANK CARDS

recept of order, accompanied by 10 cents.

cent postage stamps taken. So like to do any other printing, programs, invitations, tickets, school may need.

VERTISER, Norway, Me.

THE WITCH'S CITADEL.

By GARMEN SYLVA (Queen of Romances).

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"Alas! nothing but gold, and it is so hard and so ugly." "Gold," they repeated, with incredulous smiles. "Canst thou also spin gold?" "Oh, yes, I can spin gold, but I dare not."

"And why not? Pray tell us." She opened her lips to relate what her mother did and sang during her spinning, but was seized with unaccountable hesitation at the fear of the unfavorable opinion these young girls would form of her could they but suspect one-half of the misfortunes interwoven by her mother in the golden veils of the future bride.

These wicked beings against whom her mother had charged her to be so much on her guard seemed a thousand times more amiable and pleasant than that gloomy mother of whom even the gnomes stood in fear. An exclamation from one of the maidens relieved her from this dilemma.

"Why, her dress is of velvet, real white velvet," said one of the girls. "Who gave thee thy jewels?" said another.

"My friends," replied Alba. "Do you wish for any such? I have quantities of such toys as these at my home," and unclasping the necklace of emeralds



Baba Coaja mocked him. she offered one of the precious stones to each of the young girls. She would have given the pearls away also had not the queen prevented any further acts of generosity.

"Thy friends must be fabulously wealthy," observed one of the maidens. "I do not know the meaning of wealth," said Alba. "The gnomes bring great sacks of treasure from the center of the earth, and when they do not bring enough they are punished by my mother."

The queen's face darkened, and her countenance was troubled, and calling her son aside she said to him: "This fair creature can be none other than the child of that horrible old sorceress, Baba Coaja. Take her back at once to the place where thou found her, for she will bring only trouble and misfortune to our house."

"Do not ask that of me, mother mine," said the young prince, growing pale with anxiety. "I love Alba with all my heart, with all my soul, and were she the terrible Baba in person I feel I could not separate myself from her."

The queen sighed, but perceiving that opposition was useless, she ordered a room to be prepared for Alba near to her own apartments, and the wedding was fixed to take place on the following day.

Then, on the queen wishing to array her future daughter with her own royal hands for the ceremony, she had a most painful dispute with her, for Alba obstinately refused to allow the betwixt to be fastened in her hair. She ran about the castle like a frightened deer; she threw herself on the divans and gave vent to floods of tears, begging and imploring that she might be spared this misery. She said the queen might place on her head any quantity of her own silken thread, spun by her maids, but she would have none of the fatal gold affixed there.

While she sobbed and besought unceasingly, the queen made a sign to her attendants and two of them in obedience to the sign held the poor girl's tiny hands, while a third attached the golden veil to her head. Every one now expected an explosion of rage and despair, but Alba became perfectly impassive, and, with a calm and bowed her lovely head under its accursed burden.

"Thou art more cruel than my own mother," said she, "for she would not allow me to wed in order to avoid my being unhappy, but thou—thou hast summoned this woe about to fall upon me of thy own free will."

No one could understand the drift of these words, which Alba refused to explain, and this increased the general distrust against her.

She became so sad that those around her could not help but feel that she was the same brilliant creature they had seen but the evening previously. Even the fond words of everlasting love murmured in her shell-like ear by the young prince, were powerless to dispel the cloud storm from her brow.

When she appeared at court, the fabulous and countless treasures of the young princess were the chief topic of conversation. Prince Porcia was urged to inspect them more minutely, but he did not come for riches, he said, and only thought how to make his young bride smile again, but all his efforts proved wholly ineffectual. At length he set forth in search of her former surroundings, desiring that on seeing the familiar objects of her childhood her gayety would return, for she regarded with disdain the small stones considered by others as jewels and could not induce herself to understand that such meager baubles could possess value for any one.

When she heard that the prince intended to return to her mother's citadel, she exhibited the greatest consternation and terror, imploring him and supplicating him to give up his intention.

A WOMAN'S SUFFERINGS.

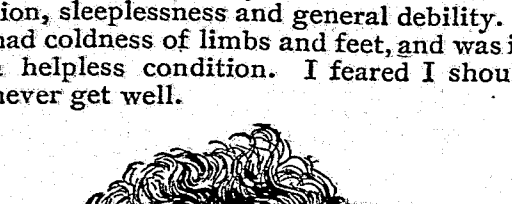
Some of the Agonies They Needlessly Endure.

Nervousness and Female Weaknesses Ruin Many Lives.

These Poor Sufferers Have Found A Sure Way To Get Well.

Female weaknesses are more common today than ever before. Constant work and worry weaken the nerves and vitality, and female weakness follows. As a result there is pain, discharges, suppression, irregularities, weak back, inflammations, bearing down, bad taste in the mouth, loss of appetite, faintness, constipation, nervousness, sleeplessness and irritability.

Mrs. S. Taylor, of 251 West 17th St., New York City, says: "For years I have been unable to attend to my household duties owing to severe sickness. I was troubled terribly with female weakness, suppression of the menses for over six years, nervous exhaustion, sleeplessness and general debility. I had coldness of limbs and feet, and was in a helpless condition. I feared I should never get well."



"I had been under a doctor's care all the time but got no better. I was utterly prostrated, and good for nothing. By the advice of a friend who was cured by Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, I began using this wonderful medicine. After taking it a short time I was completely cured of all my troubles. My nerve strength returned, my female weakness entirely left me, my nervousness disappeared. I slept well and was in perfect health. For this blessing I have to thank Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy. It is a wonderful medicine."

Such testimonials as these are always the means of curing thousands of suffering women who are wise enough to accept the advice of those who have been cured. Countless numbers of people all over the land have regained their health by this wonderful remedy, and are crying out to their fellow creatures to take Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and be made well and strong. It is not a patent medicine, but the prescription of the most successful physician, Dr. Greene, of 34 Temple Place, Boston, Mass., who can be consulted free, personally or by letter.

"Thou goes to thy death," said she, but he would not be dissuaded from his purpose, and the more he heard of the dangers which menaced him the more did he desire to encounter and surmount them. So he set out secretly one night, leaving his young wife in deep slumber, and advanced to the Baba's castle, followed by a handful of his most trusty nobles.

When the wicked sorceress saw him from afar, she cried out: "Accursed be thou! Thou who has stolen my child from me. Hast thou come to satiate thy cupidity, unhappy mortal? Why hast thou returned? I did not summon thee to thy doom." As she pronounced these words she flung down on the heads of the horsemen a quantity of jewels, which were at once transformed into snowflakes, then into icicles, which were carried swift and thick by a whirlwind into the air, blinding the unfortunate prince and his companions.

They were unable to see and lost their way, some falling over precipices, utterly stunned. Prince Porcia, alone, impelled by his desire for vengeance and his intention of strangling the wicked Baba, marched on to the castle, but he was so speedily enveloped in the icy mists that he could not lift a limb, and before he could utter a word he was buried deep in the snow.

Baba Coaja mocked him with a laugh of hatred, saying: "Now she will come to him and not to me, but she will come to my abode, not to his. So at least I shall have my dear daughter once again near to me, and she will no longer dwell with hated mortals."

In truth she had but a short time to wait, for Alba came coursing up the mountain, exhausted by the distance she had run, her delicate velvet dress soiled by the melted snow.

"Where is he? Oh, where is he?" faltered she, with pale lips. "Ah," cried the old Baba, "thou hast fled from thy home with a strange man, and now on thy return thou askest first of him and not of me. Well, he is not here."

"Oh, surely he is, that I know, for I followed his track quite up to this heap of snow."

"He has not advanced farther!" said the Baba. "Neither will he do so. He lies smothered there by thy precious jewels."

With a cry of agony, Alba flung herself on the snowdrift and searched in vain with her delicate hands for traces of her lost love, but the mantle of snow which enshrouded him was already too heavy, too frozen and compact. Crying out, "Oh, mother, mother, what hast thou done?" Alba fell dead on the icy snowdrift.

Thence issued from the Baba's withered throat a shriek so shrill and piercing that the mountains rocked as if shaken by an earthquake, and the mighty citadel crumbled and buried the Baba with all her gold under its mass of ruins. On

the exact spot where the fair Alba expired there sprang up a delicate mountain flower whose petals resembled a thick white velvet. In her memory it was named Alba Regina, but in German and many other languages it is known as edelweiss. White and pure as the young girl who died there, it blossoms only in the regions of perpetual snow, which envelop her beloved.

Perhaps one of these days the snow may be again changed into precious stones, but that can only be when another such chaste and pure virgin passes over the cone of Baba Cetatia.

The betwixt spun by the good Alba is still eagerly sought for. Each bride hopes to have the joy of finding it, and it is for this reason that none dreads the witch's terrible golden strands, for each believes that Alba's betwixt will come to her, and that she will share the bliss it will bring to her with her bridegroom.

THE END.

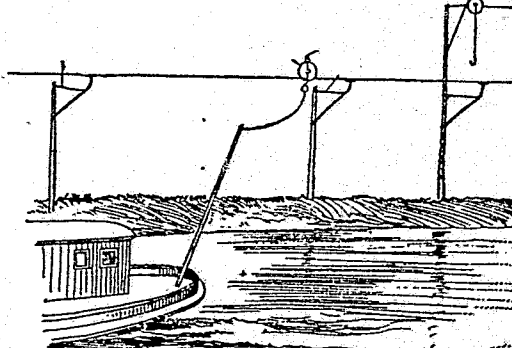
NEW TROLLEY BOATS.

ELECTRICAL DEVICE TO SUPPLANT HORSE AND STEAM POWER.

Shewring Canalboat Trolley System Simple and Easily Operated—Another Invention Employs a Locomotive Moving Along a Railway on the Towpath.

Canalboat propulsion, after being dependent from time immemorial on horse, steam and other motive powers, is daily developing a wider application of electrical devices. Among recent patents is a trolley connection for canalboats, the invention of Frederick J. Shewring of Toronto. This invention provides a trolley connection which will make a practically perfect circuit between the line wire and feeder for the motor and at the same time offer no obstruction to the successful navigation of the waterway.

The mechanism, which is cheaply made and easily operated, includes a rigid trolley pole permanently attached



SHEWRING'S CANALBOAT TROLLEY SYSTEM. to the boat, mounting on the trolley wire a gravity balanced trolley wheel and connecting the trolley pole and wheel with a wire of sufficient play to permit of freedom in the movements of the vessel. At the junction of two canals the trolley wire must be sufficiently high to avoid any possibility of its coming into contact with the vessel or parts of the vessel passing below it or of its obstructing the mast or other elevated parts. To accomplish this it is necessary to extend the poles at the junction of the canals to an elevation above the masts of the vessel and to provide these poles with arms, braces and an elevated trolley wire in circuit with the main trolley wire at a lower elevation. Mounted on the elevated trolley wire is a trolley wheel having a depending rod or wire, the lower end of which is hooked shaped to engage the eye of the trolley wheel. By this construction the trolley wheel can be carried across the junction of the canals and the circuit maintained in the motor.

The use of this trolley connection can be applied to other purposes than canalboat service, as it may be employed in connection with any other trolley system where the rigid trolley pole cannot be satisfactorily used. By means of this invention a circuit can be established between the line wire and the vessel in such a manner as to avoid all difficulties and inconveniences which might arise from the motion of the boat or the changing of direction or irregularities of the canal bank. Another advantage is that the use of cross wires over the canal can be entirely dispensed with and a free channel secured for navigating the vessel.

The action of the device is as follows: The trolley wheel is mounted on the line wire making contact. The balance maintains the wheel in an upright position during traverse from end to end of the wire, the current passing through the trolley wheel through the vertical frame and the slack wire to the trolley pole, from whence it is conveyed to the motor. This slack wire connection prevents the rolling or rocking motion of the boat from affecting the trolley wheel, and the liability of the wheel leaving the wire is minimized. The trolley pole is preferably connected to the stern of the boat, which in traveling draws the trolley wheel after it along the line wire.

Another addition to the list of recent electrical devices for canalboat propulsion is an invention of Edwin A. Lealand of Great Barrington, Mass., which employs a locomotive moving along a railway on the canal towpath. The inner side of one of the track rails, or preferably of each rail, is a rack with teeth projecting laterally, so as to cause the dirt to drop off and pass to a point beyond the rack. The truck of the motor is provided with flanged wheels, and depending from it on each side are brackets carrying rollers to run on the underside of the rail flange to hold the car on to the track.

Mounted on the car in bearings is a horizontal transversely arranged shaft, which is rotated by an electric motor supplied with current from an overhead line. This shaft carries a worm, preferably at each end, gearing with a worm wheel on the upper end of a vertical shaft, the lower end of which carries a pinion in gear with a rack. When the shaft rotates, the action of the pinion on the rack causes the car to be propelled steadily, with no liability to slip back on an up-grade, as in mounting a lock. Attached to the motor car by means of a coupling pin is a draft rod or drawbar, made reversible so that the

towline, which it is to carry can be connected with either end of the car.—Electrical Engineer.

Production of Pig Iron.

The production of pig iron has now increased to the maximum rate that has ever been attained in this country. The Iron Age's monthly report of capacity of furnaces in blast gives a weekly capacity of 226,024 gross tons. This corresponds to an annual production of over 11,750,000 gross tons.

American Bidders In Holland.

When the proposals were opened recently for a bridge over the Yssel river in Holland, the lowest bid by \$13,000 was from the Penocoy Iron works of Philadelphia. The total figures were \$474,000. All the other bidders were European firms.—American Machinist.

Growth of Russian Industry.

The British consul at Moscow, in a report on the Nijni Novgorod exhibition, describes the industrial progress of Russia since the Moscow exhibition of 1883 as very great. The progress made in textiles is marvelous, and many of the silk and print exhibits equaled anything that Lyons or Manchester could produce. The machinery section was full of good work, but agricultural machinery left much to be desired. The development of the natural wealth of the country is even greater than that of the manufactures. The production of coal has trebled in the last 15 years.—Scientific American.

Progressive Berlin Maidens.

Our "new" girls and revolting daughters are evidently being quite outdone by the maidens of Berlin. The Grotchen and Annas of the German capital have taken a leaf out of the amusement book of the lively Teutonic university students, who regard it almost as their bounden duty to regularly meet together to drink beer unstintingly and sing songs at the tops of their voices, so long as these remain untuned. The "sweet girl graduates" of Berlin have instituted similar festivities among themselves. But they have drawn the line at the beer halls. It is in their favorite bars and shops that they sing their songs, and make merry, more or less after the fashion of Carl and Heinrich. Our Vassar and Radcliffe girls will after this be regarded as simple little schoolgirls. They certainly have not gone so far at present, but that is no reason why they should not emulate the example of Otoline and Katrina, who will doubtless be quite as sedate and satisfactory hours when their wanderjahr is over, as if they had never sung sentimental German ballads and shouted studentlieder in confectioners' shops to the motto of chocolate cups!—Jennens Miller Monthly.

Decadent Women In Evidence.

Maurice Thompson says in The Chap Book: "Woman must come to her own. She must have full freedom. Would that to-morrow the day of it, but not if she is to be like the wife in 'The Jewell Twins' nor if she must take part in a 'Yellow Aster' heroine, a 'Key-Res' woman, a 'Daughter of Music' or any of the still worse models set up by the latest female propagandists of social and domestic reform. These writers of polemical fiction favoring the new order of social license are at present more in evidence than the rest of them. Man, brutal man, would be quite justified in appealing to his superior morality to prevent the arrival of this new woman or to hale her to prison, as an enemy of the race, should she prove clever enough to break through the masculine guard. One laughs, nevertheless, thinking how justly and effectively these decadent women might retort by wondering what manner of government and civilization we should have were the Tolstois, the Hardy's, the Maupassants, the George Moeres, the Zolas, the Ibsens and the Hall Caines given the lawmaking and law executing powers! A decent! A decent! I can think of no political absurdity so deep, no domestic calamity so comprehensive as this."

Bloomers Out of Date In Syria.

Zehab Theana Azeze, the young Syrian lady who is studying medicine in this country, has engaged apartments at the Normandie, and if the climate suits her she may resume her studies here instead of returning to Boston. She is delighted with Washington, as far as she has seen it, and thinks it a beautiful city.

Looking out of the parlor window at a bicyclist with bloomers on, Miss Azeze said: "Isn't it queer how we always like foreign things? At my home the ladies like American and Parisian dresses, and usually wear the native costume only in the country. Here the ladies like the gorgeous silks, satins and embroideries of the orient. It is not the fashion for our ladies to wear bloomers any more. In fact, if a young man were to go to a mother and ask for her daughter in marriage, the mother might say, 'No, you cannot have my daughter, your mother still wears bloomers.' Of course, that would mean that the man was not in the young lady's social set."—Washington Post.

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HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR

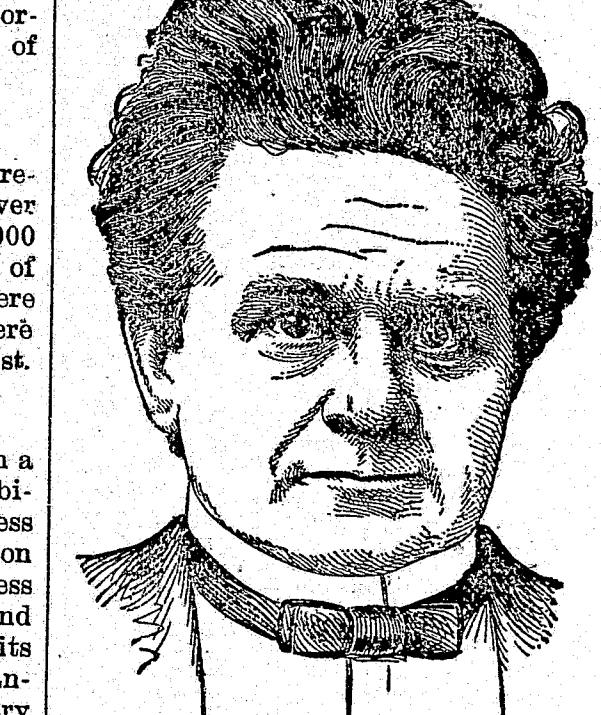
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will commence Monday, Jan. 31, 1898.

We have some odd lots to close out for cases and very low prices. Look them over and see if there is not something you need:

Women's Kid Button, former price \$2.00 to 2.75, now \$1.50.

Men's Oxford, former price \$1.50, now \$1.00.

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Men's Three-Buckle Overshoes, sizes 6, 6 1/2 and 7, former price \$2.00, now \$1.25.

Men's Rubbers, former price 70c., now 50c.

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E. LITCHFIELD, Manager, New York.

ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1897. Real estate owned by the company, unincumbered, \$385,585.72. Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value, 1,566,657.56. Cash in the company's principal offices and banks, 201,380.96. Premiums in due course of collection, 293,630.01. Special agents' balances, 653.99.

Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value, \$2,447,968.09.

LIABILITIES, DECEMBER 31, 1897. Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$258,582.29. All outstanding risks, 1,454,772.71. All other demands against the company, 12,603.09.

Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$1,735,358.06. Surplus beyond capital, \$712,609.03.

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ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1897. Loans on bond & mortgage, 1st liens, \$28,000.00. Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value, 1,864,765.00. Cash in Company's principal office and in bank, 123,846.48. Interest due and accrued, 6,820.29. Premiums in due course of collection, 224,022.11. Aggregate of all admitted assets, \$2,307,103.18.

LIABILITIES, DECEMBER 31, 1897. Net amt. unpaid losses and claims, \$238,064.06. All outstanding risks, 795,792.83. All other demands against company, 46,011.69.

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OXFORD.

Mrs. Dr. Hersey has arrived home from Boston.

Daniel Eaton is reported very low at present writing.

Mr. Burgess of East Oxford has moved into the upper tenement of Frank Keene.

Methodist circle met with Rev. Mr. Stanley, Wednesday evening, Feb. 2d. A good time enjoyed by all.

The Ladies' Literary Club met with Mrs. Leander Wardwell, Feb. 7th. Next meeting with Mrs. Cyrus Hayes, Feb. 21st.

A sociable and drama were held in Robinson Hall, Friday evening, Feb. 4th, by the young people. Ice cream was served during the evening.

School closed on Fore Street, Jan. 28, after a profitable term of nine weeks taught by Ina French of Norway.

The following pupils were not absent during the term: Harold Beane, Fred Rowe, Henry and Ralph Harriman, Leon Twichell, Fred Lovering, Willie Day, Ethel Twichell and Pearl Harriman.

The officers of Craigies Lodge, No. 121, K. of P., are as follows:

G. C. Dr. Orin Stevens.

C. C. Llewellyn Spurr.

F. E. Johnson.

M. W. Geo. Durrell.

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SOUTH ALBANY.

Winfield Sloan is stopping with P. P. Dresser for a while.

John Mason is hauling birch to C. G. Knight's mill at Bisbetown.

Harry Sawin and wife of North Waterford visited at Henry Sawin's, last Sunday.

Edwin French of Freeport is visiting at John F. Mason's. Mr. Mason is wintering a very nice colt for him.

Leslie and Bert McIntire were through here, last week. They bought two sheep of J. F. Lord and a calf of Sawin Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lord were called to Sweden, recently, by the death of her brother's wife, Mrs. Hayward Whitehouse.

The cream collector failed to make his regular trip, last Wednesday, but pulled through, Thursday. He said he lost one of his horses in the snow once but after considerable shoveling, he managed to find him again and went on all right.

With the snow three or four feet deep in the woods and no bottom to be found in the roads and with the thermometer ranging from 0 to 25 below who would not go to Klondike? It took the men in this district three days to break the roads after Tuesday's storm. We have heard considerable discussion about the great blizzard which visited us 10 or 12 years ago, as to the year in which it occurred. Will some one kindly decide it for us? Have heard some say it was 1888, the winter of the three eights, but cannot ascertain positively.

ALBANY.

Luke Moore is at work in Gilead.

Amos L. Bean is home from the woods awaiting a change in the weather.

Geo. W. Fernald is now thought to be recovering from a very severe attack of typhoid fever at C. H. Fernald's.

A. S. Cole, who has been snow-bound at his home at the Corner during the late blizzard, has returned to New Hampshire to finish the season's canvass for farm seeds.

O. S. Phelps of Jefferson, N. H., has been in town, the past week, calling on old time friends. He stated that during a four weeks' tour to Dexter and adjoining towns he had driven his horse more than five hundred miles, and the animal seemed in the best of spirits.

Mrs. Alice M. Bass is recovering from a dangerous surgical operation in Boston hospital. She writes that although fully realizing the situation, she had no fears of the "grim monster." Her little daughter Carolyn is with her aunt, Mrs. J. F. Holt, East Gandia, N. H.

Mrs. Inez Johnson and Mrs. Dora Becker entertained the ladies' circle at a party, Feb. 3d. The supper, to quote from a neighbor, was "fit for a bishop." Songs by Nina Bean, Fern Johnson and Hazel Kimball were much enjoyed.

Reading by Mrs. C. L. Cole "Married Marketing" was well received. Abel Andrews and Mrs. A. G. Bean led the march. Mrs. B. seemed somewhat reluctant but when Abel chooses his partner she has no alternative. Two families who were in attendance, viz: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Andrews with two small children, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kimball and one child deserve each a medal for their courage. They came a distance of three miles through a path which had barely been made. In fact they were "held up" in one place and had to be shoveled through a drift much higher than their heads. When asked why they made the attempt they answered "for fun and our supper." And as their appetites were A. 1, 'tis presumed they were paid, as there was plenty and to spare.

MEXICO.

Mrs. E. R. Stevens is in quite poor health.

There was a drama at the town hall, Tuesday evening, Feb. 8th, followed by a social dance.

It is reported that Robert Reed has paid a certain portion of his passage money to the Klondike and is making preparations to go in March.

A contest has been held in the Godd Temple, Lowell, Mass., closing Thursday evening, resulting in a score of 1200 for both sides. This lodge has made a gain of 20 members in the past three months.

WEST LOVELL.

Millard Lord, wife and son Vivian visited at his mother's, last week.

Olden McAllister is at the Harbor caring for his wife, who is still very poorly. His mother is with her daughter, Mrs. Webster Abbott.

M. A. LeBaron has finished work for John A. LeBaron and is at work for Will Fox at the Centre. Webb Abbott and Isaac Hatch's boys will haul in his place.

The cold weather and snow storms are something unusual. Friday week we had our mail for the first time for nine days, a distance of six miles from the office.

Oscar Kimball went to Norway, Monday, Jan. 30th, after a load of grain. Having a heavy fall of snow, which was away, some of the men took out a string of oxen and made it possible. Thursday, the road roller was on smoothing it down solid.

WEST BETHEL.

Sadie Scribner was quite sick for a few days last week.

George Cruce is now better and able to stir around some.

Willie Bennett is the owner and driver of a fine stepping colt.

Mary M. Bell has been away assisting caring for her mother, who is sick.

W. A. Fernald is having a pole made to his express sleigh. The work is being done by J. H. Deering, who is a nice workman.

Otis Mason, who has spent his vacation here with his parents, has now returned to his place of business as conductor on the electric cars at East Boston.

Mr. Wyman, foreman at A. S. Bean's mill, while indulging in a friendly scuffle with one of the workmen at the mill, last Saturday, broke his leg near the ankle joint.

West Bethel Flat.—Leon Tyler is harvesting his ice.

Neil McLane's family are now sick with chicken pox.

Mumps and chicken-pox have visited our neighborhood, this winter.

Monday, the men were on the road to work with six horses and road-machine plowing the drifts.

W. E. Walker is seen out again after having been confined to the house for several months with a broken ankle.

James Uhlman has returned home from Andover, where he has been at work for Mr. Thurston in the logging woods.

SWEDEN.

Mrs. E. S. Bennett is on the sick list. J. W. Perry went to Fryeburg Corner, Monday.

Eugene Durgin of West Lovell is at A. H. Whitehouse's.

Chas. M. Evans and Roy Wilson are at home from Boston.

Mrs. John Evans is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

Seth Brackett is cutting pine for John Ames on the Knight lot.

Geo. M. Bennett is at home from his recent visit to Bartlett, N. H.

Rev. William H. Barber conducted services at the M. E. church, Sunday at 2 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Kimball of North Bridgton were at J. W. and M. E. Perry's, Sunday.

Ernest S. and Thelbert Bennett are hauling birch from the Wentworth lot to the head of Highland Lake. This timber goes to the Bridgton Lumber Co.

Saturday, Daniel McAllister drove one load of pine, measuring thirteen hundred and fifty feet, with a light but smart pair of horses, from the Knight lot to Kezar river.

Dell Holden is hauling some very nice pine from their home lot to Kezar river. He is again cutting for him.

This timber goes to the Saco Lumber Company, Saco.

Mrs. J. H. Bounds of West Kennebunk, who has just been the guest of Mrs. John Evans, is looking finely and reports that they have a nice church, and that she and Bro. Bounds and Beulah are well.

Lottie Mahony returned to the Industrial School at Lancaster, Mass., Wednesday, from N. O. McIntire's.

Mrs. McIntire has the two little girls that were with Mrs. A. H. Whitehouse, at the time of her sickness and death.

Mrs. Chas. Barker of No. 8, Lovell, had a hard experience in our recent blizzard. She went to Bridgton, Jan. 30th, on returning, Monday, with supplies for her needy family, was overtaken by the storm and remained at Alonzo Smith's over night. As soon as the road was passable, she again started for home.

On arriving at Grover's bridge, finding no track through, Chas. Davis turned her team around, she returned and get nearly to Geo. Ellis' when her horse gave out. She cried for help, Mr. Ellis found her and her horse and helped her in a sad condition. He took her to his house and with his own horse and sled carried her and her supplies, Thursday, to Lovell village where she remained overnight. Friday, Henry Walker carried her home to her little family.

Mrs. A. H. Whitehouse, after an illness of some over a week, accompanied by her husband, consented to go to the Maine General Hospital for treatment of appendicitis. Her worst fears were happily realized by her friends. She had not strength to withstand the operation and died, Thursday, Jan. 27th, aged 86 years. The obsequies were conducted by Rev. Geo. M. Woodwell at her late home, assisted by Rev. Geo. Barbour, Monday, Jan. 30. Mrs. Whitehouse was a successful and kind teacher of large experience. She leaves a deeply afflicted husband, two brothers, Eugene Durgin of Lovell and Frank of this town, besides other near relatives. They all have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in this bereavement.

Mrs. Phoebe Pike, wife of Alvin Pike, died, Saturday, Jan. 30th, of heart disease, aged 57 years. Mrs. Pike, in a great illness of over a year, was a great sufferer, and her immediate attendants were witnesses of the christian patience with which she bore all to the last. She was an active member of the Congregational church. Rev. Wm. Bragg conducted services at her home, Thursday, Feb. 3, at 1 p. m. She leaves her husband, a son, five brothers and other near relatives. William, Lincoln and O. P. Saunders of this town were the funeral directors and David Saunders of Bridgton were present. Mrs. Pike was a kind, christian woman and will be sadly missed by her friends and neighbors. Her family have the sympathy of their friends.

EAST HEBRON.

Fred Patch from Mechanic Falls is working for Geo. Long.

Frank Hodson and wife passed last week with his parents.

The congregation on last Sabbath was very small, more so than usual.

Several were securing their ice. When the cold wave arrived they concluded to wait until a change of weather came, ice or no ice for next season.

Elder Braden was the only representative that attended quarterly meeting in West Paris from this vicinity. A very limited number were present.

Miss Thorne has returned from New Hampshire and passed through the place, last Sabbath, to visit his daughter in Sumner, Mrs. Jim Richards.

The sick ones are Mrs. N. H. Merrill, Mr. McKenney, Mrs. Jabez Davis, Mrs. Jere Packard, Mrs. A. M. Fogg, Mrs. B. Phillips, Mrs. W. H. Berry. In most cases a bad cold is the disease.

Rat tracks are seen on the snow from the schoolhouse in the alders to the Hill. Last Sabbath a big rat was seen crossing the road. The apples are scarce and they have to roam from house to house for their meals, this winter.

HASTINGS.

The Sabbath school is progressing finely.

Mrs. Harte Coffin of Gilead was in town, recently.

House was moved to be a school exhibition assisted by local talent.

Quite a number have been on the sick list with colds and la grippe.

There is a large attendance at the prayer meetings each Sunday evening.

The Burnt Cork Artists of Hastings will soon give a minstrel entertainment.

Wm. Daniels went to Island Pond, one day last week. His niece returned with him.

Harry Hobson, who is attending Gould Academy at Bethel, was at home over Sunday.

Lieut. Gov. Mansur and wife of Vermont spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. C. R. Storrs.

NORTHWEST NORWAY.

Ellsworth Farrum has got his ice in. Oliver Merrill is up to Mason at work with his team.

Daniel Walker of South Paris visited at Dr. Walker's, Sunday.

Mrs. Stephen Merrill is at the village doing house work for Mrs. T. Smith.

On account of the blizzard there was no lecture at the Yaggar schoolhouse, Tuesday evening, Feb. 1.

WEST PARIS.

You can buy a copy of this paper at F. W. Ford's store for 1 cent.

The village schools close, Friday.

Rupert, son of Mr. Carr, is quite sick. Foy Brown is again working for Mrs. W. R. Bradbury.

Mrs. David Emmons is on the sick list, at this writing.

L. B. Andrews of Norway was in town last week Wednesday.

Olafswan is at home from Bryant's Pond for a few weeks vacation.

Little Clyde Ford is recovering from quite a sick time with pneumonia.

Nathaniel Young is falling fast. It is thought he can live but a short time.

Wm. Delano of Haverhill, Mass., visited his nephew, Willie Bryant, Friday.

R. H. Dunham and wife of Waterville came, Monday night, for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Dunham.

Mrs. Emma Estes of Bryant's Pond visited her relatives here, last week.

After several weeks vacation Charlie Donison returned to college, Monday morning.

The Universalist circle will be entertained at Dunham's Hall, Friday evening, Feb. 11.

Candlemas day was fair and bright so, according to tradition, winter will take another flight.

The forenoon mail train going East ship 3 hours late, Monday, on account of a collision at Groveton, N. H.

Edwin Mann after several weeks vacation has returned to Orono, where he is attending the University of Maine.

Augustus Noyes of Greenwood, died, Sunday, of cancer of the stomach. He was well and favorably known here.

F. A. Shurtliff, druggist of South Paris, was in town, Monday, assisting at the time of death account of stroke.

Mr. Eyster met with quite a bad accident, Monday, at the Wood Mill Factory cutting a gash in the palm of his hand requiring two stitches to be taken.

Sunday, Feb. 9, to the wife of Johnson Martin of Greenwood, a son. Mrs. Martin is at present with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Curtis, of this place.

A memorial sermon was preached at the M. E. Chapel, last Sunday, in memory of Amanda Curtis, wife of Everett Andrews, who died recently at Orange, Cal.

Members of West Paris Grange will present the drama, "Josiah's Courtship," at the Grange Hall at Bryant's Pond, Friday evening, Feb. 11. There will be a dance after the drama.

The drama, "Josiah's Courtship," which was to have been presented here, last Friday evening, by grange talent, on account of the heavy storm of last week was postponed until Thursday evening, Feb. 17.

An engine has been sent to this station as pilot to help the trains up the grade. There is both a day and a night crew. Engineer Irvin Bowker has the charge of the engine days and Engineer E. A. Troy does the night work.

I. O. G. T. DISTRICT LODGE.

met with Golden Rule lodge, Wednesday, Feb. 2, at West Paris.

Notwithstanding the impassable roads 30 lodges were represented, and about 300 present. 14 were given the district degree. Dinner and supper were provided by the West Paris lodge, and a public meeting was held in the evening addressed by Rev. C. A. Young of North Andover.

ANDOVER.

The King's Daughters meet, this week, with Nellie Ripley.

Mrs. Esther Learned is quite sick, not able to sit up much.

Nobody is being slighted by the measles, but those who are having them have the comfort of knowing it is a good job when over with.

The first week in February, 1898, will long be remembered for the great storm, still when compared with other places Andover has no right to complain, as no damage was done and the daily inconvenience was the roads being so badly blocked the stage did not get through to the Falls from Monday night until Thursday afternoon. It now comes in time although the roads are far from being good. Too much snow is now the complaint. Five feet and a half is the report from the woods.

SNOWS FALLS.

Idella M. Suckles has been having the chicken-pox.

The recent cold wave has lowered the record furnished by the Snows Falls man, last week. Thursday, Feb. 3, 7 a. m., the mercury stood at 30 degrees below zero and on Friday it made a desperate effort but called a halt at 27 degrees below.

SOUTH CONWAY, N. H.

E. Blouin of Conway is hauling poplar timber to the depot.

Lydia Wiley, who has been quite sick with la grippe, is now better, and hopes to fully recover soon.

School finished, Saturday, the 5th. No school, Tuesday nor Wednesday forenoon, on account of the storm and no road. The teacher is to return home to Sweden.

Dr. Allen of Fryeburg, was here, last Monday evening. He thought it was a rather tough storm to drive 15 miles in. Frank Mansfield was with him,